

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A system for initiating a witness audit comprising:  
one or more computers configured to

periodically receive input specifying a query to a central database storing  
information representing a plurality of available audits, each of the queries based on requirements  
of the witness audit including at least one of time period, SIC code and accreditation type;

for each of the queries, provide a list of the available audits responsive to  
the query;

display one or more scheduled dates for a selected audit;

receive input representing a confirmation of the one or more scheduled  
dates for the selected audit; and

store the confirmation in a corresponding field of the central database.